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Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 6/14/01.
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 44 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 22 is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 23 - 44 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☒ The proposed drawing correction, filed on 6/14/01 is ☒ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 1.7.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 2
- ☒ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Other _____

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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371© of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

Claims 23-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Sigler et al. (5,717,830).

Sigler et al disclose a satellite trunked radio service system comprising:

means for transmitting a data frame;

means for transmitting a push-to-talk frame subsequent to the data frame;

means for transmitting a second data frame subsequent to the push-to-talk data frame;

a switch operative to generate push-to-talk signals;

a processor coupled to the switch, operative to generate a push-to-talk data packet based on at least one of push-to-talk signals;

a transmitter coupled to the processor operative to send the push-to-talk data packet to the wireless communication network;

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a network call manager for facilitate private communications simultaneously among a plurality of mobile users, at least some of plurality of mobile users being members of a private network, the network call manager comprising:

means for receiving a point-to-point transmission comprising a plurality of voice data packets and a point-to-multipoint transmission comprising a plurality of private network data packets;

means for directing point-to-point transmissions;

means for receiving a request for a point-to-multipoint transmission to the private network;

means for directing the point-to-multipoint data packets to the private network in response to the request; and

a private network of mobile stations operative to transmit point-to-point transmissions and point-to-multipoint transmissions (see abstract and details of figures 3-4).

2. Claims 1-22 are allowed.

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Sweet et al is cited to show a system which is considered pertinent to the claimed invention.

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Dang Ton at telephone number (703) 305-4739.

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